

## **REMARKS**

This Response addresses the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed August 26, 2004. Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given this case. In view of the following remarks, Applicants feel that all outstanding issues have been addressed and prompt allowance of all remaining claims is respectfully requested.

### **Claim Objections**

The Examiner noted informalities due to spelling and typographical errors in Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 14. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 14 have been amended to cure the informalities noted by the Examiner. These amendments are not made for reasons of patentability and only correct ministerial errors.

### **Claim Rejections**

Although no substantive rejections were set forth in the Office Action, the Examiner rejected 1-14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,657,830. The Examiner noted that the claims were not identical and that Applicants could overcome the rejection with a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) if the applications and patent are commonly owned. In this case, the '830 is commonly owned and Applicants have filed a proper and timely terminal disclaimer herewith.

### **Additional Amendments**

Applicants have also amended independent Claims 1, 4 and 9 by removing the limitation related to a temperature range. Applicants have also added new dependent Claims 15-17 which add the very same temperature range limitation previously removed from the independent claims into dependent claims. The language is taken directly from previously filed Claims 1, 4, and 9 and finds support in these previous claims as well as throughout the specification.

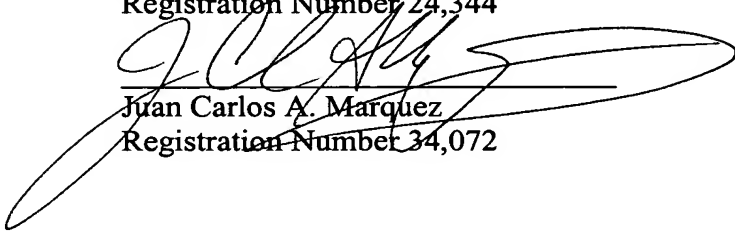
The above amendments and accompanying remarks address each and every issue raised by the Examiner in the Office Action. Based on these clarifying amendments, Applicants believe that all claims of the present invention are now in condition for final allowance. As

outlined above, each of these amendments is fully supported throughout the specification, and no new matter is introduced by these amendments. If the Examiner feels that any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's attorney at the contact information below.

Respectfully submitted,

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